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LETTER DATED 29 OCTOBER 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I should like to inform you that the United States Air Force continues to violate Iraqi airspace and that the violations have been as follows:

I

1. The United States Air Force continued to violate Iraqi airspace on 26/27 October 1991 for purposes of surveillance and provocation with 28 sorties flown by 14 two-aircraft formations at speeds of 700 to 800 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 3,000 to 4,500 metres. Their flights were centred on Irbil, Mosul, Tall Afar, Sinjar, Ayn Zalah, Dohuk, Zakho and Amadiyah.

2. At 0800 hours on the same day, two F-16s overflew Firnas airfield at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 500 metres.

3. At 0910 hours on the same day, two Jaguar aircraft overflew Faruq airfield at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 50 metres.

4. At 1000 hours, two F-111s overflew Firnas airfield at a speed of 500 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 500 metres.

5. At 1250 hours, two F-16s overflew Firnas airfield at a speed of 700 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 50 metres.

6. At 1300 hours, two F-16s overflew Faruq airfield at a speed of 500 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 50 metres.

II

1. The United States Air Force continued to violate Iraqi airspace on 27/28 October 1991 for purposes of surveillance and provocation with 27 sorties flown by 13 two-aircraft formations and one single aircraft at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 1,500 to 6,000 metres.

2. Their flights centred on Dohuk, Irbil, Mosul, Zakho, Tall Afar, Amadiyah, Ayn Zalah and Dukan.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Abdul Amir A. AL-ANBARI
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